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Subsidies to Powerloom and Handloom Sectors
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the distinction between powerloom and handloom sectors in regard to availing subsidies offered to these sectors;

(b) whether there are any overlapping of the provisions made for giving subsidies given to these two sectors;

(c) whether many powerloom units are receiving subsidies meant for handloom units and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the handloom industry from such encroachment by the powerloom industry; and

(e) the details of annual production of the handloom and the powerloom sector during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Government of India has launched various subsidy schemes for powerloom sector such as (i) Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) and In-situ Up-gradation Scheme for Plain Powerlooms for up-gradation of technology; (ii) Group Workshed Scheme for giving assistance for constructing workshed for powerloom sector; (iii) Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) extending assistance for marketing support in the form of Buyer Seller Meets, Yarn Bank, Common Facility Centres, organizing Seminars/ Workshop to create awareness / educate to powerloom workers, etc. As regards Handloom Sector, Government of India is providing subsidy under Yarn Supply scheme throughout the country to make available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom weavers. Under the scheme the freight is reimbursed and depot operating charges @2% is given to depot operating agencies. Further, 10% price subsidy is provided on hank yarn to handloom weavers.

(b): No, Madam.
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(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The details of the contribution of the Powerloom sector and Handloom sector out of total cloth production of textile sector in the country during the last three years & current period is given below:-

(Million Square meters)

YEAR	POWERLOOM	HANDLOOM	TOTAL
2013-14	36,790(57.93%)	7,104(11.19%)	63,500
2014-15	37,749(59.44%)	7,203(11.34%)	63,500
2015-16	36,984(56.46%)	7,638(11.66%)	65,505
2016-17(Up to Oct., 2016)	21,335(56.53%)	4,724(12.51%)	37,736

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